

ABSTRACT

An antitheft system is provided for an electronic apparatus including a television receiver (201) and a DVD recorder (205) connected via an apparatus control line (209). The DVD recorder (205) includes a non-volatile memory (207) for previously storing a password. The television receiver (201) includes a non-volatile memory (203) for previously storing the password and a controller (202). The controller (202) requests the DVD recorder (205) to transmit the password stored in the non-volatile memory (207) when the television receiver (201) is activated or started up, and receives the password from the DVD recorder (205). The controller (202) further compares the received password with the password stored in the non-volatile memory (203), and starts an operation of the television receiver (201) when the passwords coincide with each other.